Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Perioperative nurses are registered nurses that specialize in the care of patients before, during, and after surgery and/or other invasive procedures; and,

Whereas, Patients and their families rely on the skill, knowledge, and expertise of the Perioperative nurses who uphold a long tradition of improving surgical safety and the quality of patient care; and,

Whereas, Perioperative nurses gather information, assess patient needs, and prepare the patient for surgery, care for the patient during surgery, coordinate and monitor the nursing care and safety needs of the patient, and meet the needs of the operating room team members; and,

Whereas, South Dakota recently updated its hospital and ambulatory surgery center rules confirming the use of a registered nurse as circulator in the operating room, and this assures that every surgical patient will have a registered nurse with them for the duration of their surgical procedure; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is the 24th state that has a strong requirement for the registered nurse circulator; and,

Whereas, The Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses recognizes November 8-14, 2015, as Perioperative Nurse Week and to provide information to the public about perioperative nurses responsibilities so they understand who is caring for them throughout their surgical experience:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 8-14, 2015, as

PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Trish J. Bray, Deputy Secretary

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State